Senior Schools in Himachal Pradesh which presently impart N.C.C. training.

(b) The NCC Group HQs, Shimla, has received requests for extension of NCC coverage to 26 schools.

(c) There is no proposal at present to extend NCC coverage to more schools in Himachal Pradesh.

Trade Agreements with Erstwhile USSR Republics

1650. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia's exports to India are proposed to be valued in US dollar terms and the payment is proposed to be made by India for the same in rupees calculated at the prevailing rate for the US dollar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the trade agreements/protocols entered with Republics of erstwhile USSR so far and the value and quantity of various items proposed to be imported/exported;

(d) the trade envisaged between Republics of erstwhile USSR and India and the figures of imports and exports;

(e) whether the agreements with these Republics are proposed to be treated as exports to dollar areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). In terms of Indo-Russian Trade Protocol for 1992 contracts for export and import of goods shall be denominated in internationally convertible currencies. Payments for those transactions falling within the ambit of the Protocal shall be made in Indain rupees at the exchange rate prevailing in India between the designated currency and the Indian Rupee, according to the policy of the Reserve Bank of India.

(c) and (d). India has signed Trade Agreements with the Republics of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. A trade agreement with the Russian Federation is likely to be signed in the near future. Trade Protocols for 1992 have also been concluded with the Republics of Uzbekistan and the Russian Federation targeting a trade turnover of US dollars 75 million and 2,200 million respectively. Various items proposed to be exported to these Republics include tea, soyabean extraction's, medicines, shoe uppers, spices, paints, etc. The items of import include crude oil, newsprint, fertilizers, cotton, non ferrous metals etc.

(e) and (f). In terms of the Trade Protocol for 1992 concluded with the Russian Federation transactions falling within the ambit of the protocol shall be carried out on a balanced basis with payment in Indian rupee. The Protocol however also provides for counter trade, barter, commodity exchange, buy back operations, payment in freely convertible currency or any other internationally recognized form of business cooperation. In case of Uzabekistan the trade shall be carried on with payments in Indian Rupees. It also provides for barter and counter-trade.

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Opening of Stock Exchanges

1651. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: SHRI GIRRDHARILAL BHARGAVA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the stock exchanges working in the country, State-wise;